

Bill No. 1094

I am opposed to Bill No. 1094 for the following reasons:

This Bill will prevent a person from owning something that was purchased in compliance State laws.

This Bill will ban a part of the firearm that was designed for and delivered with a firearm that was in full compliance with State law at the time of purchase.

Limiting the size of a magazine will not limit the number of shots discharged. After emptying a 10 round magazine a second magazine could be inserted in less than a second.

The Bill will not be effective in decreasing gun violence. Most of the shootings in the papers appear to be gang or drug related. These people will not be deterred by a felony charge; many of these people are already convicted felons. It will only have an affect on the law abiding citizen.

Police departments are understaffed and need to devote their limited resources to serious crime and not have to waste time with a new law that will basically just affect decent citizens.

As a retired police officer I would like to raise some issues with the section "shall not apply to the possession of large capacity magazine by" Line 17, 18.

- 1) A retired officer can not have possession of a magazine he or she trained with and carried.
- 2) If officers are laid off they are no longer exempt. Some officers own their duty or off duty weapons.
- 3) If an officer changes departments and there is a break in their being a sworn officer they are not exempt during that time.
- 4) Armed guards in the private sector, private investigators, bail enforcement agents were left out.
- 5) Judges and prosecutors are not exempt.
- 6) Federal officers are not exempt.

The Bill might have some purpose and merit if it just prohibited magazines of greater capacity than that offered by the gun's manufacturer. The bill could also limit the number of loaded magazines a person could carry. It should also include a stiff mandatory prison sentences if the violation occurred during drug or gang activity.

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